



UU Westport

Congregational Life: We're Ready!

Beth Cliff Remarks, Annual Meeting, June 11, 2023.
(edited for typos only)

Where are we?

We are poised to take on an exciting time ahead of us.

We are a lively community of talented, generous people who care deeply and have great intentions.

We have experienced and knowledgeable staff in place.

We know how to deliver diverse programs and activities that support our vision to Inspire, Connect and Act.

We have a proven track record of organizing and delivering inspiring and uplifting services on Sunday.

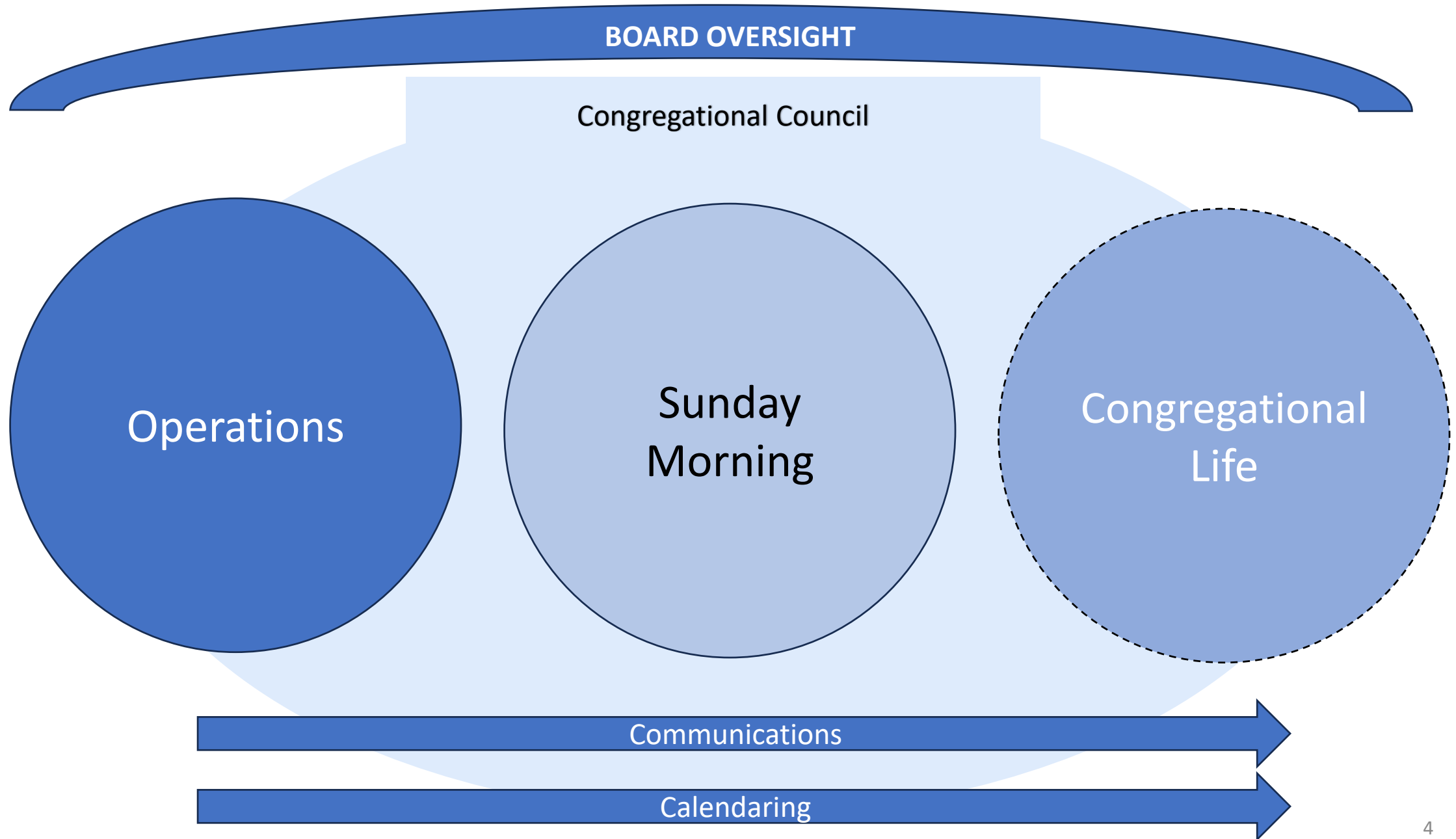
Our many committees and volunteers are already in place which create momentum and action.

Moving forward, as we seek a great minister for us, we will:

- Self-manage
- Capitalize on our gifts
- Create a coordinating “Congregational Council” to oversee our day-to-day operations
- Leverage current people/groups and bolster others:
 - Our staff, the COM, Appreciative Inquiry, Social Justice Council
 - Stewardship and Membership
- Reduce our “swim lanes” or “stovepipes”
- Create an ongoing infrastructure for a new minister to rely on, too

We will stabilize and enhance what is already in place and make it better, rather than “starting from scratch.”

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BOARD OVERSIGHT

Congregational Council

Operations

Systems and Admin
Finance
Buildings and Grounds
Stewardship
Membership

Sunday Morning

The Service
Music
Family Faith Formation
Hospitality
Technology

Congregational Life

Social Justice
Pastoral Care & Support
TUCWomen, UGNO,
Better Man
Adult Faith Formation
Community Events
Interest Groups

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Communications

Calendaring

Next Steps

- Determine make-up of Congregational Council; including a lead facilitator(s) to keep on track and interface with the Board
- Assessment work: are we clear on all that is required?
- Set up actual details:
 - Who, exactly, will make up the Council?
 - How often will it meet?
 - How will various entities interact with each other?
 - Basic RACI as appropriate: Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed

We know we're ready to take this on. Come join us. Contact a Board member and let us know how you can help!